

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as shown below:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A support system for setting a price ~~of~~ for a transaction target article in response to a request given ~~from a requester~~ that includes an external storage device stored with identifying information of the transaction target article and quality information ~~for indicating a~~ the quality of the transaction target article, a communication interface for receiving the identifying information and quality evaluating information of the transaction target article ~~of which a price should be set by~~ from the requester ~~and quality evaluating information for evaluating a quality of the transaction target article~~, a CPU for reading the received identifying information and the quality information coincident with the quality evaluating information from the external storage device, and a communication interface for transmitting the read-out quality information to the requester. A sales applicant is thereby able to set a proper price of the transaction target article.